

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-44. (Cancelled)

Claim 45. (Currently Amended)

An apparatus for selecting one of a plurality of transmission systems for transmitting an input signal captured by a remote device comprising:

a detector for detecting one or more available transmission systems;

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Sub a control processor for receiving and storing priority data, said priority data comprising ~~programmed security characteristics relating to~~ the relative ability of each of said plurality of transmission systems to provide secure transmission of said input signal;

wherein upon receipt of said ~~incoming~~ input signal, said control processor extracts stored priority data relating to said available transmission systems and, utilizing said priority data, defines a prioritization hierarchy for use in selecting which of said available transmission systems to utilize; and

a connector for connecting the device to the transmission system interface selected by said control processor as having the highest available priority based on said priority data.

Claim 46. (Previously Amended)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 further comprising a verification device for confirming the operability of the selected transmission system, once detected, and wherein the control system is operable to select a default transmission system whenever the transmission system selected as having the highest priority is inoperable.

Claim 47. (Cancelled)

Claim 48. (Previously Amended)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein said detector comprises a switch having an activated position and a deactivated position, and wherein the presence of said highest available priority transmission interface engages the switch to move it from the deactivated position to the activated position.

Claim 49. (Previously Added)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 48 wherein said detector is a signal detector operable to initiate transmission in the presence of a predetermined signal.

Claims 50-55 (Withdrawn)

Claim 56. (Previously Added)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 45 wherein one of said transmissions systems comprises a wired transmission system.

Claim 57. (Withdrawn)

Claim 58. (Currently amended)

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An apparatus for selecting one of a plurality of transmission systems for transmitting an input signal captured by a remote device, comprising

a detector for detecting one or more available transmission systems;

a control processor for receiving and storing priority data, said priority data comprising ~~programmed security characteristics relating to each of said plurality of transmission systems;~~ 1) the relative ability of each of said plurality of transmission systems to provide secure transmission of said input signal, and 2) the time of day at which said input signal is received;

wherein upon receipt of said ~~incoming~~ input signal, said control processor extracts stored priority data relating to said available transmission systems and, utilizing said priority data, defines a prioritization hierarchy for use in selecting which of said available transmission systems to utilize; and

a connector for connecting a portable handset transceiver of said apparatus to the transmission system interface selected by said control processor as having the highest available priority based on said priority data.

Claims 59-60 (Withdrawn)

Claim 61. (Previously Added)

The apparatus of claim 58 wherein said connector is a modular 8-pin jack.

Claims 62-63. (Withdrawn)

Claim 64. (Previously Added)

The apparatus of claim 58, further comprising a default transmission system provided as an integral component of said transceiver, said default transmission system being utilized if said highest available priority system is inoperable.